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South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs

Michael J. Fitzmaurice South Dakota Veterans Home

6/6/2022 Dear Resident, Resident Representative and Staff

We are writing to inform you of our current cases of COVID at SVH

Current positive cases in staff (6)

Current positive cases in residents (3)

Based on ongoing cases at SVH All residents will be being tested for COVID weekly.

Staff are being tested twice a week.

Our response is based on current state and federal guidance.

Visitation continues as per current visitation guidelines, reminder that during outbreak status the visitor must keep their mask on even while in the resident's room.

Core principles of infection prevention that are posted throughout the facility are of utmost importance and we highly encourage all residents to wear masks when out of their rooms.

Resident outings continue, please alert the nurse if you have a known exposure to COVID, the county transmission rate is high, so please know that risk is increased currently for covid exposures on outings.

If you have any questions regarding your loved one's care, please call their Resident Care Coordinator at 605-745-5127 extension:

Nasa and Stars & Stripes – Natalie Hooper –1500229 Veterans Lane & Old Glory – Jenny Hayashi– 1500444 Custer and Joe Foss – Natalie Hooper –1500229 South Pacific and JASCO – Rebecca Phippen –1500123

We continue to follow all precautions based on state and federal guidelines as well as CDC and DOH recommendations to ensure the safety of our residents and staff. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, you can call 605-745-5127 ext.1500116.

Sincerely, SVH Leadership Team

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